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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### CHILD CARE CENTERS

Mrs. Elizabeth Case, director of the child care centers for the Oakland Unified School District, writes in:

"We are interested in seeing to it that children whose parents have to work are well supervised while the parents are at work. We feel that this means adjusted normal children, rather than children who might become juvenile delinquents. This is a real service to any community, and we thought you would be interested in giving some space in your papers to acquaint your community with this program."

Mrs. Case sent in a list of 14 such centers. Anyone interested can get the list by writing to Mrs. Case at 3709 East 12th street, Oakland 1. Or you can telephone her office at KElog 3-4903.

### WAITING FOR MAMA

As a reporter, the present writer has visited child care centers in various cities, and has invariably been impressed by the good time the kids seemed to be having. This is particularly pleasing to one who has some uncomfortable memories of how, as a small child, his working mother left him day after day in such a place, not then called a child care center, and where he spent most of his time wishing Mama would get back SOON.

Of course, there are bound to be some kids that don't adjust well to even the best managed and most modern child care centers. Maybe that was the case with this one, but it would take a lot of persuading!

### THE BEST PLACE

Organized labor has fought hard at successive sessions of the Legislature to keep appropriations for child care centers going. So it's a subject in which we all have some interest.

Since an increasing number of mothers are working outside the home, it's to be hoped that most of them realize that the modern child care center, such as we have in Oakland, is a wonderful thing, and that it's far better to have a child there while the parent or parents are at work, than it is to have the child left somewhat at random under a makeshift arrangement.

## Fee on Mend at Home; Would Like To See Friends

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary, William P. Fee is on the mend at home, feeling better every minute and wishes that he was back on the job at the Central Labor Council office.

This was the cheering report given the delegates Monday night by Secretary Ash who reported that he had talked to Bill Monday afternoon and was informed that as soon as the doctors said the word, the Assistant Secretary would be back in the office, pronto.

While Fee is improving rapidly at his home at 2514 - 83rd Avenue, Oakland, he would appreciate visitors from his many friends.

## Vice President Lallement Back

At the opening of the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday night, president Quinn called the delegates attention to the fact that the personable lady that sits in the weeps chair was back after an absence of several weeks. Sister Lallement, CLC vice-president has been attending conventions and with her annual vacation caused her absence for the past several weeks. President Quinn's announcement was greeted by a hearty round of applause.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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## Buy Fresh Apples, Not The Processed Kind, Urge Teamos

Fresh Apples, not the processed kind from Sebastopol are the best buy for trade unionists and their families was the theme of reports made to the Central Labor Council Monday night by Teamster Representatives and Secretary Ash of the Central Labor Council.

George Hunt, business representative, Milk Drivers 302 and chairman of the coordinating committee of key unions in the Teamsters consumer boycott against the Sebastopol apple processing plants reported that considerable progress is being made on the consumer boycott against the processed apples but emphasized that the striking cannery workers in Sebastopol have no quarrel with the apple growers who are innocent victims of the all-out labor drive against the struck processing plants.

Expressing the thanks of the Teamster Unions for the wonderful assistance given by Secretary Ash, Harris Wilkin and other officials of the Food Clerks Union, Local 870, Hunt stated that calls had been made on Monday by a Teamo committee of Hunt, Les Summerfield of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, Tom Connors of Warehousemen 855, and Ken Exley of the Food Clerks to several East Bay stores urging their cooperation in the boycott.

**STEP UP DRIVE**  
Hunt reported further that the reception received was excellent and in the coming days, the tempo of the drive would be speeded up. He pointed out that as a natural outgrowth of the boycott complaints had been received that labor wives in their assistance to the striking Teamster cannery workers were refusing to buy fresh apples. He urged that labor wives and families purchase the fresh variety and make their own apple sauce or apple butter.

Hunt further reported that unionists having an apple in their lunch box were accused by fellow workers of supporting the Cannery owners and emphasized that the Teamsters have no quarrel with the apple growers.

**LITERATURE PREPARED**  
Secretary Ash in his report to the Council pointed out that literature was being prepared by the International Executive Board in reporting to the convention stated Crowell, who pointed out that only two locals in the United States have gained a minimum hourly rate of \$1.00 per hour or over, which is far below the minimum scale paid to union members of Local 23 in Alameda County.

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On his return from the convention Crowell reported that he toured through the middle west and was amazed at the unbelievably low scales that prevail in that area. Progress though is being made through district councils said Crowell because many of the towns are too small to have locals and usually have only one or two cleaning plants.

The international picture is much brighter as reports were made at the convention that the membership has increased by 50 percent and things generally through the International's jurisdiction are on the upgrade.

## Clerks Charge P. O. Speed-up As 'Impossible'

The AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks accused the Post Office Department of which is union made, and on up had been put into effect under the local front were urged to cover of the department's buy McCombers Apple Cider work performance standards which is made here in the East program instituted to study Bay or Martinelli Apple Cider standards in the distribution of which is processed in Watson-mail.

The union said it will request On the state front, Peter A. Andrade, Director of the Western Cannery Council issued a press release blasting advertisements and press announcements by the employers as "misleading."

Andrade said: "Picket lines and the consumer boycott are implementing the Sebastopol cannery strike more vigorously than ever!"

"This assurance was emphatically given to counteract press announcements and advertisements creating the false impression that the union has withdrawn its picket lines and consumer boycott."

"Picket lines and the consumer boycott are going strong, efficient under the speed-up formula is actually doing a perfect job."



## Buy All Insurance From Union Agents Print Specialties Sign New Contract Says State Fed

The recent convention of the California State Federation of Labor passed a resolution urging all trade unionists when making insurance purchases to do so wherever possible through union agents affiliated with the AFL. This was the text of a communication received from the State Federation and read at the Central Labor Council meeting.

Marshall Thorpe, secretary-treasurer, Printing Specialties and Paper Products Union No. 382 announced at the meeting of the Central Labor Council the signing of a new contract with the Western Wax Paper Company of San Leandro.

The new contract provides for a general wage increase of three percent for all employees which amounts to 4½ cents per hour.

Urging all councils and unions that this matter be given every possible consideration, the State Fed points out the meat of from 5½ cents to 8½ cents for a base of \$1.95½ cents per hour with a top rate of \$3.01 per hour.

"Resolved. That the 53rd convention of the California State Federation of Labor go on record that all insurance purchases, wherever possible, be transacted through union agents affiliated with the AFL."

W. J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219 spoke on the adopted resolution and stated that it had taken the agents three years to have it passed and this was the first opportunity to get the matter before the local unions.

He stated that the Insurance Agents were looking for new business and it wasn't their intention to have union members give up their old policies. Commenting further, Foley stated that Metropolitan Life was the agents worst enemy, that they had just given their agents a \$5.00 weekly pay raise to thwart the drive of the union and urged delegates not to let the letter from the State Fed wind up in the wastebasket.

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## HOW TO BUY New Car-Insurance List

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

In many areas, auto-insurance rates went up again this year, notably in the growing suburban areas. But there are new trends that can help car owners stave off some of the high insurance costs levied on them.

For the first time a large group of consumers is investigating the possibility of buying auto-insurance on a group basis as labor and other groups now buy hospital and life insurance. The Oregon State Federation of Labor has proposed that each large group within the federation make available to its members auto insurance which may be purchased directly from an insurance company—or labor could form its own concern. Each group would receive dividends based on its accident record. If a group is able to reduce accidents among its members, they would receive a substantial dividend.

While one company (Nationwide Mutual, formerly Farm Bureau) and several individual agents have been exploring possibilities of offering group auto insurance, this is the first time buyers themselves have taken the initiative to cut costs and solve some of the present bitterness between car owners and insurers.

The fact is, almost half the price you pay for auto insurance goes to selling and administration expenses and profit, and only slightly over 50 cents of your premium dollar is used to pay claims. This is the real reason rates have jumped so high in recent years. The companies have blamed the number of accidents and the increased size of claims (it now costs more to repair damaged cars). But every time actual payouts go up, premium rates have increased approximately twice as much to take care of the industry's expenses. A dollar of increased payout means two bucks more on your insurance bill.

In contrast, group buying of sickness and life insurance has reduced costs as much as 50 percent below individual policies.

Because of high rates, more buyers have been seeking auto insurance from "direct writers," who sell through their own agents, over the counter or by mail, rather than through brokers. As a result, more insurers including some full-rate companies, have launched cut-rate subsidiary companies who sell directly at lower rates. The news that a large group like the Oregon State Federation is studying group buying is certain to hasten the industry's efforts to bring down costs.

Generally the lower a company's charges, the more selective it is about whom it will insure, and the more determined to fend off exaggerated claims. On the other hand, the low-cost insurers are generally prompt and fair payers of what they consider to be the reasonable claims. Pay-out records indicate that the price charged for insurance has little to do with prompt payment. Some of the

## Union Leaders In Arguments About New AFL-for-Demos

The launching of the AFL Committee for Democrats by a group of those formerly affiliated with the AFL Committee for Graves and Roybal was reported in the September 30 issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

W. J. Bassett in the September 23 issue of the Los Angeles Labor Citizen, published by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, of which Bassett is secretary, had already criticized the forming of the committee, contending that it was unnecessary, since he said, the AFL already had a good political program. Bassett also said that William Knight, president of Teachers College, Columbia University, made a study of budgeting, good and bad, and came up with some unexpected answers.

According to this writer, too many families use the budget as a stern necessity to keep them from spending too much, whereas it should also be used for helping families get some of the good things of life which often remain only dreams.

No budget will really work unless careful accounts are kept. Few couples achieve this, and that is probably why so many budgets fail to accomplish their purpose.

Money should be set aside for all fixed expenses, as well as food, clothing and other items. Then Dr. Rowland believes it is essential that a certain sum be set aside for regular savings, as well as an emergency fund. Somewhere along the line plans should be made for buying a few things not mere necessities.

If all these items add up to more than your income, then your plane of living is too high. Credit is something Dr. Rowland warns about. It gets many families into much trouble. A husband and wife must have an "economic adjustment" if they are to be happy, he says. In order to have this, they must come to some sort of understanding of what each wants out of life.

When they determine this, they can set about the problem of getting what they want. A budget is usually the answer. In other words, careful planning, a positive and not a negative process.

### Child-rearing

#### Ma vs. Grandma

Dr. Benjamin Spock, author of the seven million-copy best-seller, "Baby and Child Care," attributed the success of his book more to mother-grandmother rivalry than to the book's inherent worth.

Jinkerson in his letter to Bassett said that Bill Knight of the Sawmill Union had signed the statement of the AFL Committee for Democrats, and "I trust that you will not take any punitive action against Brother Knight or put any unfair economic pressure on him because of his free action in joining the AFL Committee for Democrats."

Bassett in the Los Angeles Citizen of September 30 published Kilpatrick's letter, and then replied, contending that he is not a Republican stooge, as Kilpatrick had contended, and that his record proved this.

On that same date, September 30, William M. Sloane, secretary of the Building Service Employees Joint Council of Southern California, issued a letter commenting on some criticism Bassett had made of George Hardy of the BSE. Hardy as secretary of the new AFL Committee for Democrats had signed the original announcement of that group, and Bassett in his first criticism of the committee had contended that Hardy himself on occasion had endorsed Republicans.

Sloane's letter declared that he and his associates "resent seeing the Los Angeles Citizen turned into the political mouthpiece of Bill Bassett," and contended that there is a real need for the new committee to function to help the Democrats run candidates acceptable to labor.

One of the names on the letterhead of the AFL Committee for Democrats is that of Robert S. Ash, secretary, Alameda County Central Labor Council.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**WHAT USED TO BE KNOWN** as "scraping along on John's wages," now goes by the important sounding term "budgeting."

Many families try to budget, many do not, but finances are still one of the biggest points of conflict between husband and wife.

Joseph S. Rowland, of Teachers College, Columbia University, made a study of budgeting, good and bad, and came up with some unexpected answers.

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Grosser thinks that the remedy is for more union people deliberately to take training in speaking. He cites the good work done by Martha M. Hood, who teaches what she calls "personal development through more effective speaking" at the Berkeley Evening School.

Grosser says it's really remarkable to watch the way the personalities of Mrs. Hood's students do begin to come alive and develop right in front of your eyes, once they get on the track.

Mrs. Hood was invited to come to the office of East Bay Labor Journal and give some sketch of her methods.

Here are some of the points she makes in a preliminary way, about the value of acquiring skill in speech:

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## Knees Knock When You Try to Speak At Union Meeting?

**FROM THE EDITOR**  
**To The Ladies**

**IF YOU'RE PLANNING** to decorate or redecorate any of your rooms, watch out for a nervous breakdown. At least that's what is implied by a statement of Dr. Milton R. Saipstein, a psychiatrist, in an article in Harper's.

"Observations I have made in recent years lead me to believe that there is no time at which a woman is more apt to go to pieces than when she is decorating her home. Even women who have successfully weathered all the major crises sometimes become unbalanced by this experience."

John Van Koert, a furniture designer, fears that furniture designers and manufacturers may follow the example of automobile manufacturers and produce a "new style" every year, through more effective speaking at the Berkeley Evening School.

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## ITU's Don Hurd, Gov't Employees Head, Visit CLC

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that there are 5 to 6 million federal employees outside of the Postal Workers Union, that he was in California for organizing purposes and would be willing to help and organize any union.

The Government Employees Union had just organized three government installations in Sacramento at McClellan Field, Signal Depot and Mather Field, with total membership of 1561 new members.

Pointing out that Federal employees only can get a wage boost through legislative action, Duckworth stated that as a paid up member of the International Brotherhood of Painters he found collective bargaining a little different under the federal set-up than he did when he was an active officer of his painters union.

**CAREER EMPLOYEES** Duckworth stated that career employees in the Government service know less of labor than any other segment of the population and it was a tremendous job organizing. He stated that his union was plagued with another Government employee union but with all of the trials they were building a bigger and better organization. In his opening remarks Duckworth commented to secretary Hurd that his son was president of Lincoln Nebraska Typographical Union and a recent delegate to the 97th annual convention of the Typographical Union.

At the conclusion of his talk Duckworth recited a poem to the delegates that was very well received and President Quinn expressed the deep thanks of the council for his presence.

**Some Good Food**

**Tapioca in Pie**

Apple, cherry, blueberry, and peach pies lead the lists of America's favorite desserts. When you're making a fruit or berry pie, the filling is of first importance. And most fruits and berries require a thickener so that the juice won't spread out thinly over the plates when the pie is first cut.

One of the best thickeners for pie is quick-cooking tapioca. It protects the bright fruit color because it doesn't cloud. It doesn't add any starch or "flour" taste. There is no pre-cooking necessary—just mix the tapioca with the filling and bake as usual.

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**Fitter Apprentices Receive Awards**

By JIM MARTIN

Our last membership meeting on October 6 was well attended as approximately three hundred journeymen and apprentices were present to honor this Union's Apprentice winners of the State Contest held recently. General Organizer Archie Virtue presented a check to Bobby Besson, 5th year Apprentice, 3rd place winner. He presented trophies and checks to Henry Schram, 4th year Apprentice, 1st place winner and to Norman Cogar, 3rd year Apprentice, 1st place winner. The checks to the Apprentices were contributed

**To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546**

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

**Plasterers 112**

**IMPORTANT:** To All Members of Local 112: The business agent was instructed at the meeting August 18 to remove all men from the job who are 3 months or over in arrears on dues. So you can see, brothers, the business agent has no alternative, as he must act under a clear order from the local.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE WHITTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823**

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Hayward Painters 1178**

Our next meeting will be called to order Friday evening, October 21st.

At the October 7 meeting the date of our Christmas Party was selected. More about this by way of U. S. Mail and the Journal later.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

**San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18**

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18, will be held at Mechanics Hall, Labor Temple, San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1955, at one o'clock.

Yours fraternally  
HORACE STAFFORD,  
Secretary

**Teamsters Union, Local 70**

Notice to all members: The regular monthly meetings will be resumed on Thursday, October 27 at Teamsters Union Hall, 826 West Street starting at 8:00 p.m.

Yours fraternally,  
FRANK A. DeMARTINI,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Notice! Members****Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216**

Death Assessment No. 377 is now due and payable. Brother Richard Caffrey, No. 135619, a member of Local No. 216, passed away on July 26, 1955.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

**Southern Alameda County Voters League**

Regular meeting will be held at the Culinary Workers Hall, B and Soto Street, Hayward, on Thursday, October 20, 1955 at 8:00 p.m.

Main items on the agenda to hear final reports on the Whist Party and formulating of plans for an all out membership drive.

ANDRE LA ROCHE,  
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**Tickets Available For Dinner Dance**

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Tickets available in the office for our 56th Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance and Entertainment to be held Saturday night, November 12th at the Lexington Hotel. As we reported last week a limited amount of tickets are available due to the seating capacity so a nominal charge of \$2.50 per plate will be collected. We advise the brothers to get their tickets early.

Work conditions holding up but with jobs available for all hands. Looks like this will continue for a good time.

Sorry to report the death of the wives of brother Bill Henderson and Louis Feucher during the past week. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathies to the two brothers in their great loss.

Next meeting of the local will be Thursday, October 27th.

"INSIDE YOUR PUBLIC Schools" a new booklet stating the increasing need for Federal Aid for Education, has just been issued by the AFL American Federation of Teachers.

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Watch It With Watchmakers

**Watchmakers' In Redwood City Drive**

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Last week we mentioned that we were organizing another city and we can now report to you that it is Redwood City.

We have the town organized so far as the workers are concerned practically 100%. At this writing we have signed three of the five jewelry stores to union agreements and have held one meeting with one of the remaining two.

The employers are signing the new agreement that we just negotiated for the San Francisco-Bay Area, to become effective in Redwood City on November 1st.

We have had several meetings relative to the Department Store controversy over the watchmaker's wages and hours, and it appears at this writing that the problem will be resolved satisfactorily to the union.

We hope that we can write finish to this in next week's column.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.—Union Office.

**Printers Auxiliary****To Hear Report on Boston Convention**By Muriel Pfaffenberger  
Press Correspondent

Special Notice to our members who are employed during the day. Mrs. Minerva Feeney has graciously offered her home for an evening meeting so that they can hear the report of Mary Stapleton on the proceedings of the convention which was held in Boston in August. Also, it will give us a chance to visit and have a little social evening. The date is October 24, Monday at 7:30 p.m., and the address is 3233 Randolph Avenue, Telephone ANDover 1-1619.

Our membership drive has been extended to November business meeting, so, let's try and bring a member in by that time.

Ladies don't forget our Rummage Sale, October 20. Be sure to have the Rummage in on the evening before, October 19 at 7 o'clock.

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## EDITORIALS

### Note This: Grain, Cotton Rose When Ike Fell III

When the stock market fell with the news of President Eisenhower's heart attack some time ago, everyone noticed it. In fact, it was noted all over the world.

Another market rose that same day, however, and very little note was taken of it. But it was surely significant, just the same.

Here was the New York Times headline of September 27 on the grain market:

#### MOST GRAINS RISE ON BUYING SURGE

The headline on the cotton market was:

#### MOST PRICES RISE IN COTTON MARKET

In the stories under those headlines it was made plain that the President's illness was considered the cause of the rise.

We all know why the stock market fell. Big Business and the speculators knew that without the kindly smiling Ike as their front man in the Big Business party, the GOP, couldn't be expected to win the next election, so the special favors to business which have been extended so freely under the present Administration would cease.

On the other hand, the speculators in grains and cotton know that the Democrats, probable victors in the next election, will try to do more for the farmers than the GOP would ever do. So that's why the farm products went up on the market.

Some of the heaviest pressure on the Administration to do something for the farmer, at the very time of Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack, was coming from some of the most conservative Republican business men in the small towns of the Midwest, the agricultural heart of America. These small town business leaders protest that if the farmers purchasing power goes down much more, not only will these business men lose money but the whole economy will suffer, and then those dreadful Democrats might come back in.

Almost everyone now knows two things about the history of the farms and their relation to politics: 1. That the depression which caused the big stock market crash in 1929 was preceded by a long decline in the farmers' share of the national income; 2. That a strong contributing factor in the 1948 triumph of Harry S. Truman was Tom Dewey, the GOP candidate, paying so little attention to the farm storage problem in the Midwest to which Mr. Truman paid such unremitting and whiststop-vocal attention.

So the Administration is almost sure to begin stirring its stumps on this issue. The trouble with the GOP is that it is so dominated by Big Business rather than by these grassroots merchants in the small towns of the agricultural regions that it's pretty hard to get the old machine to move off the dime.

It might be added that if the Democrats with the help of organized labor win the '56 election, they'll face a tough one in the farm problem, too.

### The Plight of Ireland

Since a great many labor people have Irish blood in their veins, what's happening in Ireland naturally interests us. Recently the raids on English munitions depots of some of those resolute souls who feel that Northern Ireland must be added to the independent Republic of Eire have attracted much attention, and some admiring comment by word of mouth from Irish Americans.

A recent report by the committee set up in 1948 by the Government of the Republic of Eire to study emigration and population problems would seem to indicate that after 30 years of independence the Irish Republic needs to center more attention on solving the economic problems which lead so many of its young people to migrate to England and other places in the British Commonwealth.

There is no passport control over migration from the Republic to England, so no exact figures were available to the investigating commission. But it is estimated that at least 10,000 migrate to England and elsewhere, principally to England. This naturally doesn't please the Government of the Republic. To have spent centuries fighting for freedom from English dominion, and then to have a large proportion of the younger Irish lads and lasses beat it for England is rather disconcerting.

The proportion of older people is increasing out of line with what's happening in most countries. Of 25 nations, the Republic of Eire has the lowest proportion of young active people from 15 to 44 years of age, and the second highest proportion of old dependent persons 65 and over. The marriage rate is one of the lowest in the world. In the years 1946-51 the rate was 5.5 marriages in 1000 of population, compared with 12.5 in the United States and 9.3 in the Netherlands and Denmark; these last two countries are cited because they are two of the Republic's chief trade rivals in agricultural and other products.

Up in Ulster, which is still, as part of Northern Ireland, part of the British Commonwealth, in the last election to the British Parliament in London two Sinn Feiners, already in jail on charges of making raids, were elected by the people of their constituencies. They were rejected by Parliament, but were elected again in a special election. This little episode gives some idea of the intensity of Southern Irish patriotism: these people up in Northern Ireland in those two constituencies resent not being part of the free Republic of Eire. And down in the free Republic much time is spent longing for the day when Northern Ireland will be pried loose from the British Commonwealth and made part of the free Republic. Meanwhile, Northern Ireland thrives industrially.

This situation in the famous isle should not only interest us Americans because there is so much Irish blood in the veins of our people here, but because it is a good example of the tough roots of the old hatreds and struggles in the world. As a world power of the first magnitude we are going to learn a great deal about these things—and learn them the hard way.

### HST SICKENED

When I think of what has happened to the TVA, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Federal Power Commission, the Atomic Energy Commission and other federal agencies, it saddens and sickens me.—Harry S. Truman.

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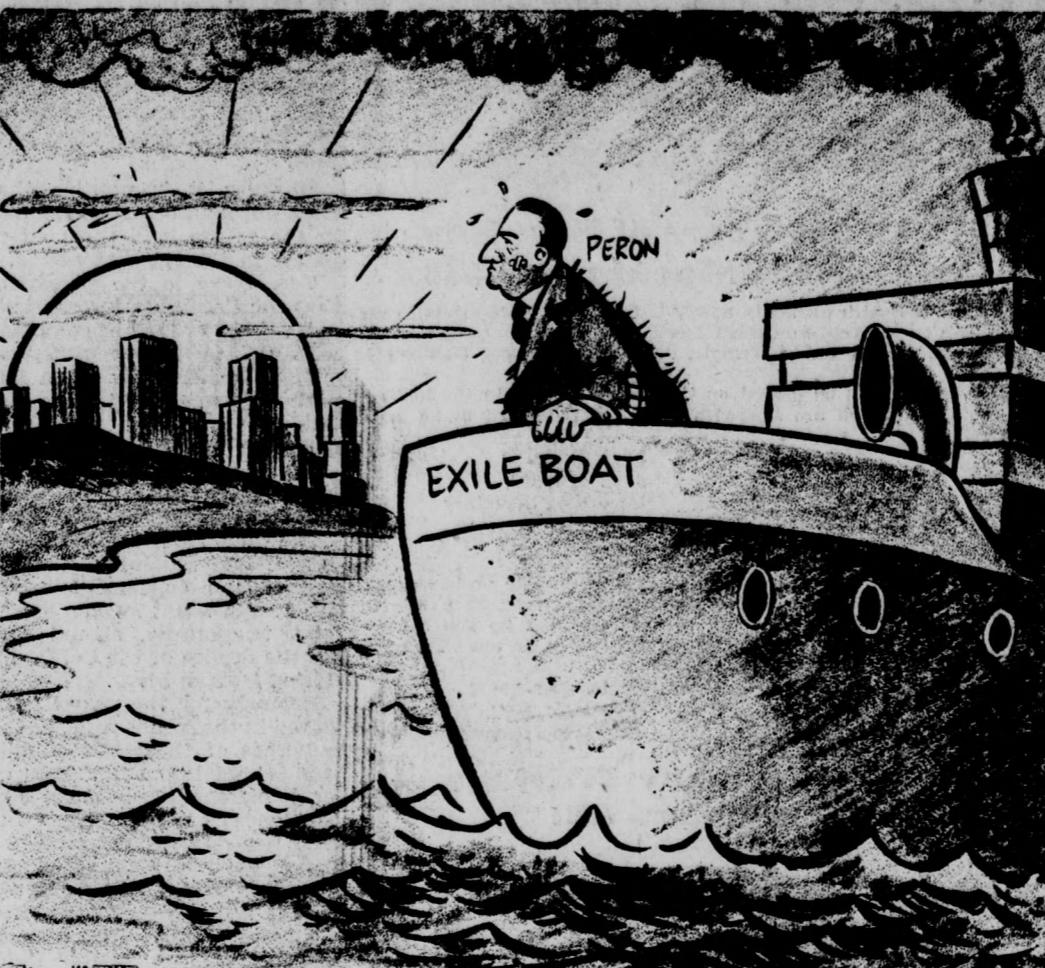
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### United Nations Is Helping Mothers

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — About 17,000,000 children and pregnant or nursing mothers have been helped under health and nutrition programs aided by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the first half of 1955, according to a report by the executive director of the fund, Maurice Pate.

These programs envisage aid to some 32,000,000 mothers and children during 1955.

Other achievements during the first half of the year:

Over 8,000,000 children were vaccinated against tuberculosis,

increasing to 51,500,000 the total number of children vaccinated since 1934.

Over 3,500,000 mothers and children were protected against malaria with the aid of DDT provided by UNICEF.

Over 2,000,000 daily rations were provided through maternal and child welfare centers and school lunch programs.

Nearly 2,000,000 mothers and children received emergency feeding.

Some 600,000 were treated for yaws and nearly 470,000 for trachoma, an eye disease.—Labor's Daily.

### CIO Raises Chest To Fight Work Law

### Workers Over 45 Must Be Absorbed

MADISON, Wis. — A \$50,000 war chest to fight any possible legislative attempt to enact "right-to-work" legislation in Wisconsin has been voted here by about 250 CIO leaders at a special state-wide rally.

Introduction of such a bill in the legislature when the lawmakers reconvene October 3 to finish the 1955 session has been talked up by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and, especially by the Wisconsin State Chamber of Commerce.

Right-to-work laws are "contrary to the American tradition," the Rev. Ensworth Reisner, pastor of the Wisconsin Avenue Methodist Church in Milwaukee, told the representatives in his keynote address.

"Indeed, these laws find their roots in the materialistic philosophy of anarchy rather than in the spiritual philosophy of brotherhood," said Reverend Reisner. They "encourage people to sponge off their neighbors, for the law requires a union to represent all workers in a bargaining unit whether or not all are paying for such services."—Labor's Daily.

ST. LOUIS—If we are to keep pace with the present trends in the aging of the population at least 10 million workers of 45 years of age and older must be absorbed by 1975.

This was the advice of Charles E. Odell, an official of the Bureau of Employment Security as he addressed an interstate conference of employment security agencies in St. Louis.

In his warning of the need for greater employment of older workers Odell pointed out:

The alternative to this would appear to be a lowering of the retirement age, a raising of pension and retirement benefits, and a tremendous over-all increase in costs in the form of taxation and other forms of deductions for income maintenance of larger and large numbers of men and women involuntarily removed from a production role in our economy."—Labor's Daily.

STATE SENATOR Richard Richards, Los Angeles Democrat, will replace Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon as principal speaker for the United Democratic Fund of Contra Costa County at the Mira Vista Country Club, October 25.

### Insurance Securities, Inc., Entertains Many At 3-Day Open House

An open house which attracted many hundreds of visitors was held by Insurance Securities Inc. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week to celebrate the company's moving into six floors of offices at 2030 Franklin street.

Visitors were interested in the array of office machinery, startlingly different from the old-fashioned equipment for offices.

Abe P. Leach, president of the concern, and Raymond H. Miller, general sales agent for the Trust Fund, were kept busy entertaining the many visitors.

The portfolio of the Trust Fund, Leach explained, is invested exclusively in securities of fire, life, and casualty insurance companies. The investment is sold through 10-year participating agreements and is designed for long term growth.

The company has leased the offices from the Luder Corporation. The First Western Bank will occupy the ground floor of the building.

"It is time we ceased to rely on the paternalism of superintendents," he said. "It is time we sat down with them and told them what we want. Maybe if teachers realize that they should do something for themselves, maybe we will get somewhere."

Pointing to the gains made in mass-production industries after workers organize, Roth told his listeners such progress is made when workers "are able to sit down around a table and bargain."

The Coloradan stated the Tucson local could count on organized labor for help. "Labor is the only group that has consistently supported public education," he said.—Labor's Daily.

### Teachers' Future Lies in Unionism

TUCSON, Ariz.—The future of teachers' unions lies in collective bargaining, national officer of the American Federation of Teachers told one of America's fledgling teacher locals here.

Herrick S. Roth, of Denver, national vice-president of the AFT, addressed members of Local 1238, reminding them that Tucson teachers thought they were relatively well off, it was because the general level of teachers' salaries around the country is so abysmally low.

Local 1238, headed by Richard Y. Murray, was organized early this year. It now has the largest charter membership of any new AFT local in the West.

Roth commended the Tucson union on its progress, but cautioned:

"It is not what you as an individual are worth; it is what the occupation is worth."

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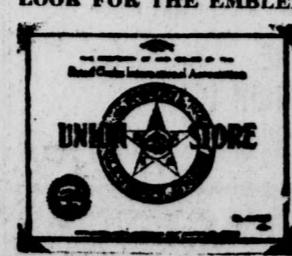
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